REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed October 24, 2005.

Claim Status

Claims 1-36 were pending prior to entry of the present amendment.

Claims 12 and 23 are herein amended.

Claims 1-36 are now pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-11 and 28-36 are allowed.

Objections

Claim 12 is objected to because of informalities.

Claim 12 has been amended to overcome the objections by replacing "exist" with "exists" and by replacing "generating a parallel *means of* accessing" with "generating a parallel representation of ..."

Claim Rejections

Claims 12 and 13 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 27 of USPN 6570564 (entitled "Method and apparatus for rapid processing of scene-based programs").

Applicant is in the process of obtaining an updated power of attorney and will promptly file a terminal disclaimer.

Claims 12-27 were rejected under Section 101 "because [it] simply recites "a method for managing a virtual world" comprising those steps which are not executable by a computer system".

Applicant has amended claim 12 to recite method steps that are executed by a computer system.

Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 12-27 are allowable.
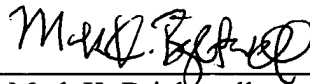
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5181-45501/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

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